

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Notice of Allowance mailed November 12, 2004. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this Application.

The Examiner issued a Notice of Allowance on November 12, 2004. After issuance of the Notice of Allowance, Applicant became aware of prior art documents cited in a related application. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests continued examination of this Application so that the Examiner can consider prior art documents cited in an Information Disclosure Statement attached herewith. Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are patentably distinct from the prior art cited therein.

This Request for Continued Examination, though in response to a Notice of Allowance, is being filed before the payment of the issue fee. Therefore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.313(a), a petition to withdraw from issue is not required.

Attached herewith is a check in an amount of \$790.00 made payable to the "Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks" to satisfy the request for continued examination fee of 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e).

CONCLUSION

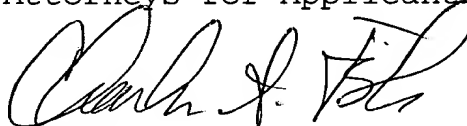
Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other apparent reasons, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending Claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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